



IFAD
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ANNOTATIONS

1. **Opening of the Session**

The Twenty-Second Session of the Governing Council will be held on Wednesday, 17 February, and Thursday, 18 February 1999, at the Auditorium della Tecnica, 65 Viale Tupini, Rome. The Session will be opened at 10.00 hours on Wednesday, 17 February 1999.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

The Provisional Agenda, prepared by the President and approved by the Executive Board in accordance with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council, is contained in the present document (GC 22/L.1/Rev.1).

3. **Applications for Non-original Membership**

In the event any application for membership of IFAD by a Government of a Non-Member State is received and recommended for approval by the Executive Board, it will be submitted to the Governing Council in document GC 22/L.2 for consideration under this agenda item.

4. **Statement of the President of IFAD**

President Fawzi H. Al-Sultan's statement to the Governing Council will review IFAD's operations during the course of 1998.

5. **Progress Report on the Fourth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources**

A report on the status of the Fourth Replenishment of IFAD's Resources will be presented in document GC 22/L.3.

6. **General Statements**

Governors are invited to make general statements under this agenda item and to comment on various other items on the agenda, as appropriate.

7. **Audited Financial Statements of IFAD as at 31 December 1997**

In accordance with Regulation XII of the Financial Regulations of IFAD and Section 9 of the By-laws for the Conduct of the Business of IFAD, the Governing Council is invited to consider document GC 22/L.4 which contains the Audited Financial Statements of IFAD for 1997, together with the report of the External Auditor thereon. The Sixty-Third Session of the Executive Board reviewed the statements in April 1998 and recommended that they be submitted for the approval of the Governing Council.



8. Financial Matters

(a) Proposed Budget of IFAD for 1999

The Budget of IFAD for 1999, as recommended by the Executive Board for approval, will be presented in document GC 22/L.5.

(b) General Reserve

As recommended by the Sixty-Fifth Session of the Executive Board, document GC 22/L.9 containing a draft resolution amending Resolution 16/IV on the Establishment of a General Reserve authorizing the Executive Board to amend the ceiling of the General Reserve, will be presented for the consideration of the Governing Council.

9. Review of the Adequacy of the Resources Available to IFAD

Article 4.3 of the Agreement Establishing IFAD provides for the periodic review by the Governing Council of the adequacy of IFAD's resources in order to assure continuity in the Fund's operations. Document GC 22/L.6 will be presented to the Council to facilitate its consideration of the future resource requirements of the Fund.

10. Membership of the Executive Board

In accordance with the decision of the Twentieth Session of the Governing Council regarding the election of the Members and Alternate Members of the Executive Board, the Governing Council is invited to endorse the exchange of seats within List C, Sub-Lists C1 and C2 countries, as presented in document GC 22/L.7.

11. Timing of Annual Sessions of the Governing Council: Amendment of the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council

Following consideration by the Sixty-Fourth Session of the Executive Board regarding the timing of the annual sessions of the Governing Council, document GC 22/L.8 will contain a proposal for amending the Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council together with a draft resolution thereon.

12. Progress Report on the Establishment of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

The Twenty-First Session of the Governing Council of IFAD approved the selection of IFAD as the institution to house the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). The Council also authorized the Executive Board, on its behalf, to consider and approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between IFAD and the Conference of the Parties (COP) of UNCCD. At its Sixty-Fourth Session, the Executive Board approved the proposed MOU submitted to the Second Session of the COP meeting (Dakar, Senegal, 30 November - 11 December 1998). Document GC 22/L.10, to be tabled at the Session, will report on the process associated with the consideration of MOU, together with a progress report on the establishment of the Global Mechanism and its operations in 1998.



13. IFAD's Follow-up to the Conference on Hunger and Poverty: Progress Report on the Popular Coalition to Eradicate Hunger

In accordance with the recommendations of the Conference on Hunger and Poverty, a Coalition (comprising the European Commission, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Bank, the World Food Programme and seven regional and international non-governmental organizations) established a number of collaborative programmes. Document GC 22/L.11, to be tabled at the Session, will provide a report on the progress and results achieved since the report to the Twenty-First Session of the Governing Council.

14. Report on the Status of the Headquarters Agreement

An oral report on this subject will be presented to the Twenty-Second Session of the Governing Council.

15. Other Business

Approval of the Disclosure of Documents

A provision that the disclosure of documents for any particular session is the prerogative of the governing body concerned was included in the decision taken by the Twenty-First Session of the Governing Council with regard to the 18-month interim phase of an IFAD Policy on the Disclosure of Documents. Accordingly, the Governing Council will be requested to approve that the documents submitted to and approved by the Twenty-Second Session be publicly disclosed and placed on the Internet.